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Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I have signed Enrolled House Bill 4323, which makes appropriations for various departments and agencies, the judicial branch, and the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. The appropriations in Enrolled House Bill 4323 total \$39.9 billion and provide funding for critical services throughout the state.

Enrolled House Bill 4323 also makes supplemental appropriations for various departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and includes Capital Outlay authorizations for numerous universities, community colleges, and state buildings.

I have, however, disapproved fifteen items pursuant to Section 19 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. The specific vetoes are detailed in the attached copy of the bill that has been filed with the Secretary of State. While some items may serve valid public policy goals, the items vetoed are largely duplicative of or interfere with current state programs or are not clearly enough defined. In total, I have vetoed \$5.0 million in funding in this bill.

I note vetoes of the following provisions: in Article I the Albion Equestrian Center and Draft Beer Delivery Systems Training and Management; in Article VII the Drill Core Storage Facility; in Article X the Muskegon Covenant Academy, Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency, Early Neighborhood Learning Collaborative, Genomic Opioid Abuse Demonstration Program, Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury project, Upper Peninsula Emergency Medical Services Grant, and TEAM Cares; in Article XV the Bay City State Recreation Area Playscape Reconstruction, Onaway State Park Pavilion Reconstruction, Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grants, Snowmobile Local Grants, and Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Grants.

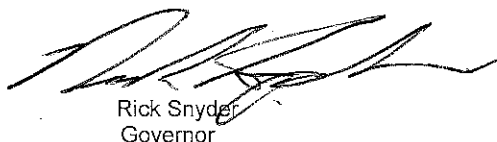
I welcome the opportunity to reconsider these budget requests in future supplemental appropriations or budgets if their importance to the state of Michigan can be demonstrated relative to other priorities.

I have considered the enforceability of boilerplate provisions as I provide direction to departments in implementing appropriations contained in Enrolled House Bill 4323. Among the various provisions that are considered unenforceable, I note the following: section 650 (Article X); section 1009(3) (Article X); and section 382 (Article XVII).

Enrolled House Bill 4323 also contains boilerplate sections that include statements of legislative intent. We will take these legislative preferences into consideration as departments and agencies implement the appropriations. These legislative intent statements, however, do not impose conditions on appropriations and are non-binding upon departments and agencies implementing the appropriations.

I commend the Legislature for completing its work on a fiscally responsible budget ahead of schedule for the seventh consecutive year. This omnibus appropriations bill sets clear funding priorities for the upcoming year and supports programs critical to Michigan's comeback.

Respectfully,



Rick Snyder
Governor

Attachment

cc: Michigan State Senate
The Honorable Ruth Johnson, Secretary of State